

Amendments to House Bill No. 2
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Requested by Representative Edith Clark

For the House Committee on Appropriations

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1. Page B-6, line 1.

Strike: "134,719,465" [general fund FY09]

Insert: "134,319,979" [general fund FY09]

2. Page B-6, line 25.

Strike: "49,331,283" [general fund FY09]

Insert: "48,937,354" [general fund FY09]

3. Page B-7.

Following: line 22

Insert: "m. Healthcare for Healthcare Workers (Restricted)

814,900 [general fund FY09]

1,772,906 " [federal special revenue FY09]

4. Page B-7, line 24.

Strike: "52,864,079" [general fund FY09]

Insert: "52,842,594" [general fund FY09]

5. Page B-15.

Following: line 4

Insert: "Healthcare for Healthcare Workers may be used only for provider rate increases for contractors that provide in-home services administered by the senior and long-term care division and receive the majority of their income for those services from the medicaid program."

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This amendment reallocates \$814,9000 general fund for a net aero impact and adds federal matching funds of \$1.8 million in FY09 from Medicaid service appropriations to fund healthcare for healthcare workers beginning January 1, 2009. The appropriation for a provider rate increase to reimburse providers who fund for health insurance will cover about 1,700 persons who work for 30 hours or more per week providing direct health care to persons in their homes.

The general fund is reallocated from the following divisions:

Senior and Long Term Care - \$393,929

Health Resources - \$399,486

Addictive and Mental Disorders - \$21,485

The general fund reductions in the Medicaid services administered by each division is due the way Medicaid services are funded if they are provided by Indian Health Services (IHS). Regular state plan services provided to Tribal members are matched 31.49 percent from the general fund provision, while services provided by IHS are reimbursed 100% from federal Medicaid funds.

The 2005 Legislature funded 1.00 new FTE to assist Tribes in expanding federally reimbursed IHS services. The FTE is filled and continues during the 2009 biennium. The reductions in FY09 anticipate shifting some current state plan Medicaid services to IHS provided services - about \$394,000 - and an expansion in the number of Medicaid services provided by IHS - about \$500,000.